

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Fig. 8 to Fig. 16 illustrate a fourth embodiment of the present invention, which give a more concrete example. In order to produce the shield plate 11f for this example, ~~[[. In]]~~ in the first place, a metal plate ~~for blank~~ is processed by press punching into a blank 25 as shown in Fig. 10. This blank 25 is of a generally annular shape, and has a plurality of substantially V-shaped ~~[[cuts]]~~ cutouts 26 evenly spaced from each other in the circumferential direction on its outer peripheral edge portion. The lapel portion 13 is formed as shown in Fig. 11, 13, 14 and 15 by folding (curling) in the same direction the intermediate portions between the circumferentially adjacent ~~[[cuts]]~~ cutouts 26, ~~and by~~ In this way, the blank 25 for the shield plate 11f is formed with the lapel portion 13, the flat portion 21 and the sloping portion 20. In the case where the lapel portion 13 is ~~made up like~~ formed in this way, a plurality of slit-like discontinued portions 27 are formed at the lapel portion 13 in the circumferential direction. The inclining angle of the ~~[[cuts]]~~ cutouts 26 must be regulated in order to make the width of these discontinued portions 27 substantially uniform, so that the lapel portion 13 has a smooth shape forming a substantial equilateral polygon with the same number of angles as the ~~[[cuts]]~~ cutouts 26. The number (n) of the ~~[[cuts]]~~ cutouts 26 must be 4 or more ( $n \geq 4$ ), and provided that Z stands for the number of rolling members in the rolling bearing to which the shield plate 11f is fitted, the number equivalent to  $n = Z$  or  $Z \pm 1$  must be excluded, and it is desirable to make it  $n \leq 2Z$ . The reason thereof is to prevent non-repetitive runout from occurring during operation of the rolling bearing with shield plate in spite of the fact that the installation of the shield plate 11f causes minute deformation on the outer ring 6.